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Carlisle Barracks Pa

Feb'y 9. 1894

R H Pratt

Capt 10th Cavry Supt.

Replying to "Education
4559-5072" referring
to admission of

Peter Deer as a

pupil of this School

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See telegram to Carlisle
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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 9, 1894.

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To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

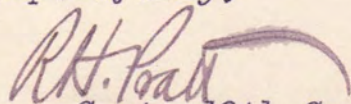
Replying to yours of the 8th marked "Education 4559-5072" covering the request of Thomas Dominic of Philadelphia in reference to the admission here of Peter Deer, I respectfully return the two enclosures. I have written Mr. Dominic to send the boy on. I have had not a little correspondence with Mr. Dominic, and under previous orders from the Department to take Indians from New York did accept of a number of children some of whom, on account of their character, I had to get rid of, and one I found had been imported from Canada. Mr. Dominic himself appears to be a thoroughly good man. He belongs to a class of Indians wandering about the States selling bead work, inoffensive and honest so far as I know, but he is likely himself to be imposed upon, and all his propositions for children ought to be thoroughly investigated. I have found that these children are not denied the rights of the Public schools anywhere, but the moving character of the parents interferes with their regular attendance. As they are mixing with the

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people and their children can have the benefit of the Public schools it has, after an experience, seemed to me not best that we should too freely give them the benefit of the Government schools.

I speak of this because experience with Mr. Dominic assures me that having succeeded through appeals to the Department in securing the entrance of this boy, he will soon be following with other like demands. He seems to be a leader among this class of people.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.H. Poatt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Capt. 10th Cavalry, Supt.